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SUBJECT: U.S. TRSB MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM (MLS) AND ICAO ALL
WEATHER OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL (AWOD) MEETING, MONTREAL,
APRIL 4-21, 1978

REF: (A) STATE 069366, (B) HELSINKI 633,

1. ON MARCH 30 THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE
DEFENSE AND AIR ATTACHE, MADE THE POINTS IN REFTEL A TO MARTTI
LAMPI, CHIEF, TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTION, BOARD OF AVIATION,
AND LEIF BASILIER, INSPECTOR, FLIGHT NAVIGATION AIDE. LAMPI WILL
HEAD FINNISH DELEGATION TO AWOD MEETING. ALSO ON DELEGATION
WILL BE BASILIER AND AN INDUSTRY ADVISOR, ANSSI VOUTILAINEN,
OF THE FIRM TELEFENNO.

2. LAMPI EMPHASIZED THE INTENTION OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES
TO BASE THEIR POSITIONS AT THE MEETING ON TECHNICAL MERITS.
HE SAID THAT THE FINNS HAVE NOT MADE THEIR MINDS UP IN
FAVOR OF ANY OF THE COMPETING SYSTEMS. HE SEEMS DISPOSED,
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HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER SETTING A FIRM REQUIREMENT AT THE
APRIL MEETING THAT AWOD MEET AGAIN BEFORE THE END OF
THE YEAR AND A FINAL DECISION BE MADE IN EARLY 1979,
PROVIDED THERE WERE CLEAR ASSURANCE THIS DELAY WOULD PER-
MIT TESTING OF THE GERMAN SYSTEM. AS INDICATED
REF B, HE SEEMS DISPOSED TOWARD THE GERMAN SYSTEM. HE
ATTRIBUTED TO IT THE ADVANTAGE OF USING LESS EXPENSIVE

AIRBORNE EQUIPMENT. (REF B) THE
URGENCY FROM FINLAND'S POINT OF VIEW OF ADOPTION OF
A SUCCESSOR TO THE ILS IS DIMINISHED BY THE RELATIVELY
SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

3. ON MARCH 29, THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MADE THE SAME
POINTS TO PERTTI KARKKAINEN, THE MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE
FOR AVIATION MATTERS. KARKKAINEN CONFIRMED THAT THE AWOD
MEETING HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITHIN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID FOR THE
FINNISH GOVERNMENT THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS TO
AVOID PROLIFERATION OF NONSTANDARD LANDING SYSTEMS.
FINLAND'S POSITION AT THE MEETING WILL BE "OPEN," HE
SAID.
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